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3. A composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, comprising from 0.05 to 5 weight percent of fentanyl, preferably then from 0.1 to 1 weight percent.

4. A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the particles of fentanyl have a weight based mean diameter of less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

5. A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein the mean sieve diameter of the carrier particles is less than 750  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably then from 100 to 600  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a brittle material which will fragmentize easily when compressed.

10. A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-9~~ claim 1, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant in a finely dispersed form and intimately mixed with the fentanyl.

12. A composition according to claim 10 ~~or 11~~, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting

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of sodium lauryl sulfate, polysorbates, bile acid salts and mixtures thereof.

13. A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-12~~ claim 1, wherein the carrier particles comprise a water-soluble, pharmaceutically acceptable carbohydrate and/or inorganic salt.

15. A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-14~~ claim 1, wherein the carrier particles contain at least one pharmaceutical disintegrating agent promoting the dispersion of the microparticles of fentanyl over the sublingual mucosa.

17. A composition according to claim 15 ~~or 16~~, wherein the disintegrating agent is present in an amount from 1 to 10 weight percent of the composition.